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In fulfillment of the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56,  
Applicant submits herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with  
the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application and before  
the issuance of the first Office Action, no fee is deemed necessary.

## I. U.S. PATENTS

<u>U.S. PATENT NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
3,246,627 to Loeb et al.	Apparatus for Vapor Deposition	April 19, 1966
3,405,117 to Yeh	$\alpha$ -Chloro-Di- p-Xylylens	October 8, 1968
4,734,300 to Simanyi et al.	Methods for Removing Parylene Coatings from Predetermined, Desired Areas of a Substrate	March 29, 1988
4,863,762 to Aramaki et al.	Method of Forming Coating Film of Fluororesin by Physical Vapor Deposition	September 5, 1989
4,945,856 to Stewart	Parylene Deposition Chamber	August 7, 1990
5,078,091 to Stewart	Parylene Deposition Chamber and Method of Use	January 7, 1992
5,268,033 to Stewart	Table Top Parylene Deposition Chamber	December 7, 1993
5,383,928 to Scott et al.	Stent Sheath for Local Drug Delivery	January 24, 1995
5,395,390 to Simon et al.	Metal Wire Stent	March 7, 1995
5,609,629 to Fearnot et al.	Coated Implantable Medical Device	March 11, 1997
5,637,113 to Tartaglia et al.	Polymer Film for Wrapping a Stent Structure	June 10, 1997
5,700,286 to Tartaglia et al.	Polymer Film for Wrapping a Stent Structure	December 23, 1997

5,716,410 to Wang et al.	Temporary Stent and Method of Use	February 10, 1998
5,779,732 to Amundson	Method and Apparatus for Implanting a Film with an Expandable Stent	July 14, 1998
5,824,049 to Ragheb et al.	Coated Implantable Medical Device	October 20, 1998
5,873,904 to Ragheb et al.	Silver Implantable Medical Device	February 23, 1999
5,882,725 to Radford	Parylene Deposition Chamber Including Eccentric Part Tumbler	March 16, 1999
6,096,070 to Ragheb et al.	Coated Implantable Medical Device	August 1, 2000
6,156,435 to Gleason et al.	Chemical Vapor Deposition of Fluorocarbon Polymer Thin Films	December 5, 2000

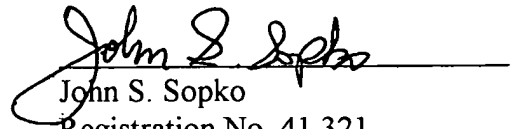
## **II. FOREIGN PATENT PUBLICATIONS**

<b><u>Patent Office/Country</u></b>	<b><u>Document Number</u></b>	<b><u>Publication Date</u></b>
PCT	WO 97/15699	May 1, 1997
PCT	WO 97/15951	May 1, 1997
PCT	WO 97/07257	February 27, 1997
PCT	WO 00/04204	January 27, 2000

Copies of each of these references are attached herewith. All of the references listed above are also listed on Applicant's Substitute Form PTO-1449 which is attached to this Information Disclosure Statement for the convenience of the Examiner.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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	4,734,300	03/29/88	Simanyi et al.			
	4,863,762	09/05/89	Aramaki et al.			
	4,945,856	08/07/90	Stewart			
	5,078,091	01/07/92	Stewart			
	5,268,033	12/07/93	Stewart			
	5,383,928	01/24/95	Scott et al.			
	5,395,390	03/07/95	Simon et al.			
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	5,824,049	10/20/98	Ragheb et al.			
	5,873,904	02/23/99	Ragheb et al.			
	5,882,725	03/16/99	Radford			
	6,096,070	08/01/00	Ragheb et al.			

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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